



The goal of Citizen Corps is to improve community resiliency to all hazards through citizen preparedness and participation. At the state and local level, this goal is achieved through the coordination and oversight of Citizen Corps Councils, which implement public education and outreach, training and exercises, and volunteer service programs and opportunities.

Highlights of State Activities

- The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is working to increase the preparedness of the commonwealth by implementing the "Citizen Awareness and Outreach Program," an effort that is working to provide every Kentuckian with the necessary information, knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for any disaster, whether it is natural or man-made. The program has been implemented by incorporating a statewide multi-media awareness campaign and the state's Citizen Corps program into one overall preparedness program.
- Kentucky's Citizen Awareness and Outreach program recognizes the importance of ensuring that every Kentuckian has the ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from all threats and hazards. To support this effort, Kentucky Citizen Corps has launched a statewide marketing effort that directs citizens to an awareness website, www.protectyourfamily.ky.gov, where they can receive the preparedness information they need.
- Through the marketing campaign and awareness website, Kentuckians are also informed of Citizen Corps training taking place in their local areas. By partnering with the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS) and Kentucky's 15 Area Development Districts, Citizen Corps training has been streamlined to provide Kentuckians with the essential information they need to be prepared to support their communities in times of crisis.

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS AND PROGRAM PARTNERS

- 40 County/Local/Tribal Councils
- Population served: 3,616,840
(89% of total state population)



CERT

- 37 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



FIRE CORPS

- 6 Fire Corps programs



Medical Reserve Corps

- 12 Medical Reserve Corps Units



Neighborhood Watch

- 109 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities



VIPS

- 12 Volunteers in Police Service programs



- Kentucky Citizen Corps Accomplishments:
 - Citizen Corps Councils have become regionalized in each of the state's 15 Area Development Districts
 - Citizen Corps curriculum has been streamlined to include a basic awareness level training
 - A recognition program for outstanding volunteers has been established
 - A statewide media preparedness campaign begins March 1, 2006, and a Private Sector Summit will be held in Fall 2006

EXAMPLES OF CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEERS HELPING WITH HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE EFFORTS

Kentucky Citizen Corps prepared to receive and assist evacuees as needed.

- Citizen Corps volunteers were placed on standby in Louisville and Lexington to assist with evacuees.
- Statewide registries of Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, and Fire Corps volunteers who were willing to serve were updated and maintained.
- Specific volunteers were identified to work in emergency operation centers and to staff free medical clinics. Paducah-McCracken County free medical clinic was staffed to receive evacuees.
- Volunteers on active stand-by included 15 Medical Reserve Corps units with over 1,300 volunteers; 5 Fire Corps programs; 40 Community Emergency Response Teams; more than 700 citizens in Volunteers in Police Service/Neighborhood Watch.
- In Boone County, Citizen Corps volunteers assisted at the local donation centers.

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Coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Citizen Corps activities at the state and local level are supported by the DHS Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). From FY02-FY06, approximately \$1,707,545 has been provided to KY from HSGP Citizen Corps grants alone. Additional HSGP funds, such as the Urban Area Security Initiative funding, can also be used for citizen preparedness and participation, to include planning, public education and outreach, training and exercises, and volunteer programs. For more information please go to www.citizencorps.gov. DHS also coordinates the Ready national public awareness campaign on family and business preparedness, www.ready.gov, and National Preparedness Month, held every September.

Highlights of Governor and First Spouse Involvement in State Citizen Corps Efforts

State Leadership is critical for successful citizen involvement in all hazard preparedness, training, and volunteer opportunities.

Alabama First Lady Patsy Riley promoted the "Together We Prepare" program encouraging the public to build family emergency preparedness kits.

Alaska First Lady Nancy Murkowski launched an Emergency Preparedness Poster Contest for all elementary aged children; winners will be announced in March.

California First Lady Maria Shriver and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) launched a preparedness campaign, "Be Smart, Be Responsible, Be Prepared. Be Ready!" promoting emergency planning among families, individuals, schools and businesses.

Colorado Governor Bill Owen's Office launched the Colorado Ready campaign with the Urban Area Security Initiative, which included a Web site and toll free number to educate residents on the importance of emergency preparedness.

Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell, the Departments of Public Health and Emergency Management and Homeland Security, provided an emergency preparedness guide that was distributed in the Sunday newspapers across the state.

District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams issued a detailed letter to 30,000 district employees emphasizing the importance of preparing for emergencies.

Delaware Governor Ruth Minner recognized Ocean View Citizen Corps Council as the state's 2005 Volunteer Organization of the Year for their contribution to community preparedness and family safety.

Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich, Jr.'s Office developed a citizen education strategy for the entire state population.

Mississippi First Lady Marsha Barbour is the official spokesperson for the state Citizen Corps Council and is producing upcoming preparedness PSAs to air on both television and radio.

North Carolina Governor Michael Easley's Citizen Corps partnered with Citizen Corps Affiliate Save-A-Life Foundation, Nextel, and NASCAR to sponsor an awareness campaign titled "Race for Life."

North Dakota First Lady Mikey Hoeven, chairperson of the North Dakota Citizen Corps Council, hosted a CERT video introducing the program; since its launch, 900 citizens have been trained.

Ohio's Make a Difference Day effort, co-led by the state's First Lady Hope Taft and Ohio State University coach, Jim Tressel, brings together the public and private sector yearly for a day of performing service projects to build strong communities.

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell encourages colleges and universities across the Commonwealth to participate in the "Ready Campus" program designed to strengthen preparation for and response to regional or national emergencies through campus resources.

Washington Governor Christine Gregoire and First Gentleman Mike Gregoire assembled preparedness kits for low income families as part of a Martin Luther King Jr. Day service project in Puyallup City sponsored by the Washington Commission on National and Community Service and the Washington State Citizen Corps Council.

The States of **Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, and Vermont** have established local Citizen Corps Councils to serve the entire state population.

September is National Preparedness Month!

In 2005, state leadership supported the following key events:

- In **California**, Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed September 20th as a "Day of Preparedness" with the First Lady participating in a safety fair.
- In **Delaware**, Governor Minner, along with the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security, declared September as National Preparedness Month in Delaware and provided the public with free interactive emergency displays and training in emergency planning.
- In **Georgia**, Governor Perdue issued a Proclamation urging all residents to participate in citizen preparedness activities.
- In **Maryland**, Governor Ehrlich kicked off Maryland Preparedness Month activities with a press event and established www.marylandcares.us to support emergency donations/volunteer management operating procedures for the public.
- In **West Virginia**, Governor Manchin kicked off a preparedness conference held in recognition of National Preparedness Month, which brought citizens together with emergency officials to discuss how to work together during a disaster.
- In **Wyoming**, Governor Freudenthal signed a letter accompanying the "Understanding and Preparing" guide that was sent to all Wyoming households explaining the importance of preparing.



County Councils (39)

- Anderson County Citizen Corps Council
- Ashland Boyd County Catlettsburg Citizen Corps Council
- Ballard County Citizen Corps Council
- Barren River Area Citizen Corps
- Big Sandy Citizen Corps Council
- Bluegrass ADD Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Boone County Citizen Corps Council
- Carlisle County Citizen Corps
- Cumberland Valley Area Development District
- Danville/Boyle County Citizen Corps
- Frankfort / Franklin County Citizen Corps Council
- Fulton County Citizen Corps
- Garrard County
- Gateway Regional Citizen Corps
- Graves County Citizen Corps
- Greenup County Citizen Corps Council
- Hancock County Citizen Corps
- Hickman County Citizen Corps
- Johnson County Citizen Corps Council
- Kenton County Citizen Corps
- Kentucky River Citizen Corps Council
- Knox County Citizen Corps Council
- Lake Cumberland Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Lexington-Fayette County Citizen Corps Council
- Liberty/Casey County Citizen Corps
- Lincoln Co. Citizen Corps Council
- Lincoln Trail Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Citizen Corps Council
- Marshall County Citizen Corps Council
- McCreary County Citizen Corps
- Mercer County Citizen Corps
- Northern Kentucky Regional Citizen Corps
- Owensboro - Daviess County Citizen Corps
- Paducah-McCracken County Citizen Corps Council
- Pennyriple Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Pike County Citizen Corps Council
- Scott County Citizen Corps Council
- Triple S (Shelbyville, Simpsonville, Shelby County)
- Warren County Citizen Corps